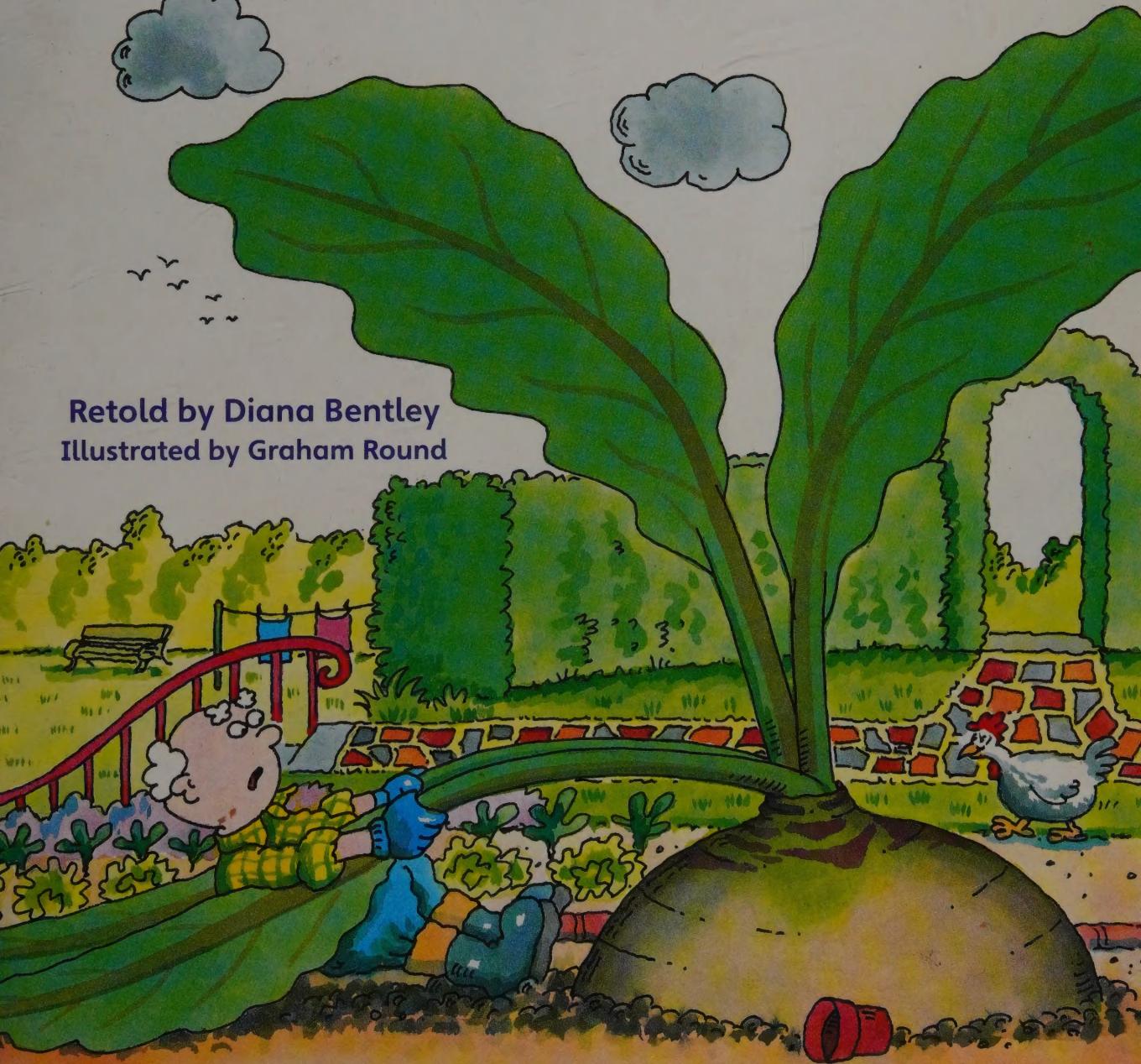
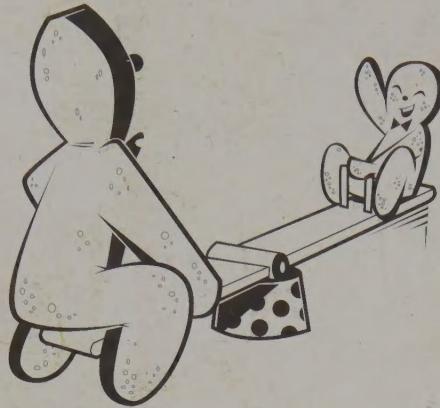




# The Enormous Turnip

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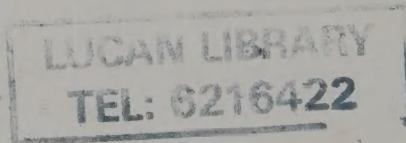




## **Using a guided reading See-saw book**

This story is a simple guided reading book.

The adult, a teacher or parent, reads the full story and encourages the child to read the sentence in the speech bubble. This early introduction to guided reading enables the child to enjoy a complete story while reading their first sight words.





Once upon a time a little old man planted  
a turnip seed.

The turnip grew and grew into a great big  
enormous turnip.

One day the little old man tried to pull up  
the turnip.

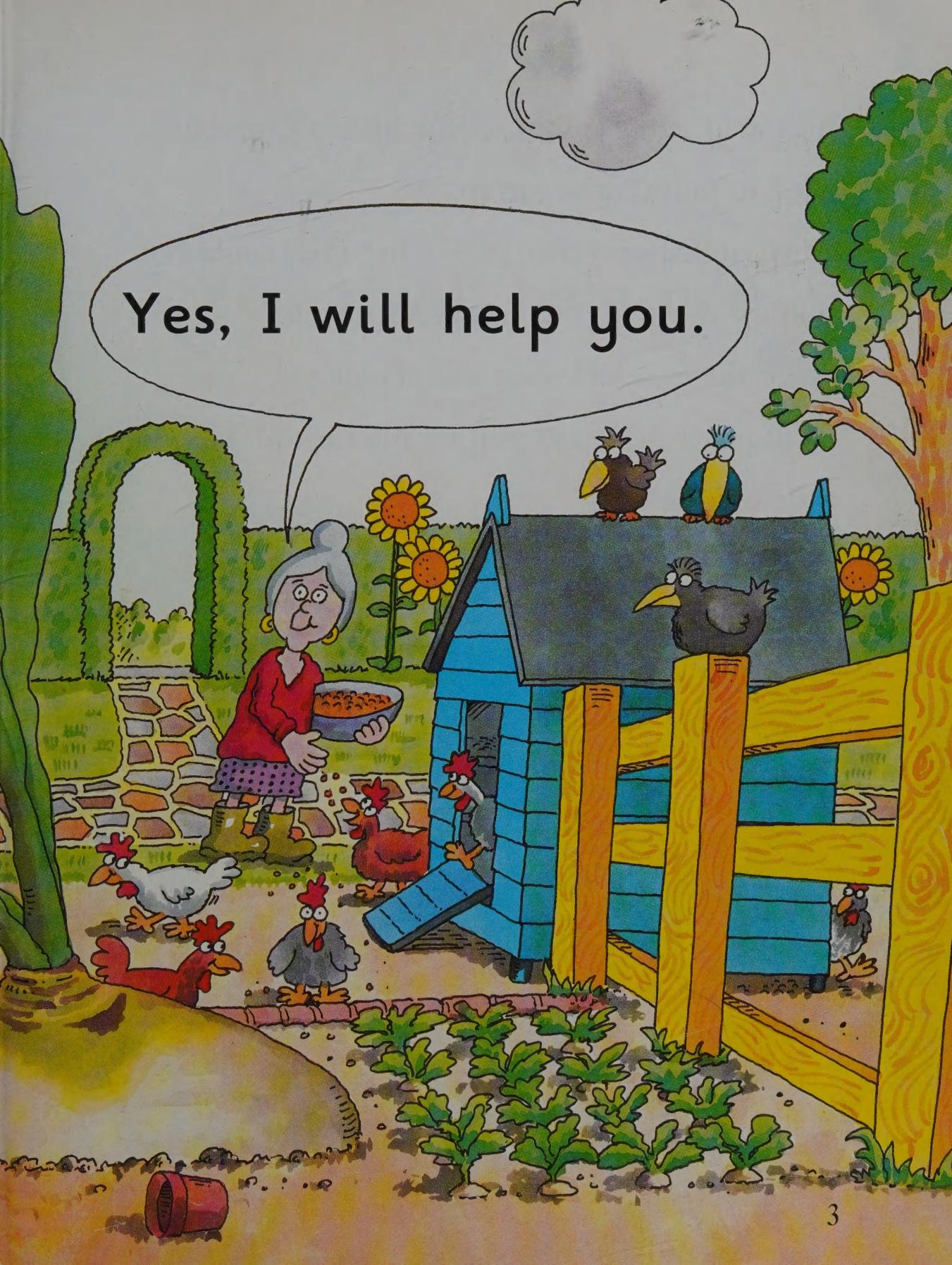
He pulled and he pulled but he could not  
pull up the great big enormous turnip.

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The little old man saw the little old woman.  
‘Will you help me to pull up the turnip?’ said  
the little old man.  
And the little old woman said,



Yes, I will help you.



So the little old man and the little old woman tried to pull up the turnip.

They pulled and they pulled but they could not pull up the great big enormous turnip.

Then the little old man saw the dog.

'Will you help me to pull up the turnip?' said the little old man.

And the dog said,



Yes, I will help you.



So the little old man, the little old woman and the dog tried to pull up the turnip.

They pulled and they pulled but they could not pull up the great big enormous turnip.

Then the little old man saw the cat.

'Will you help me to pull up the turnip?' said the little old man.

And the cat said,



Yes, I will help you.



So the little old man, the little old woman, the dog and the cat tried to pull up the turnip.  
They pulled and they pulled but they could not pull up the great big enormous turnip.  
Then the little old man saw the mouse.  
'Will you help me to pull up the turnip?' said the little old man.  
And the mouse said,



**Yes, I will help you.**



So the little old man, the little old woman, the dog, the cat and the mouse all tried to pull up the turnip.

They pulled and they pulled and they pulled, and then, **POP!**

Out came the great big enormous turnip.

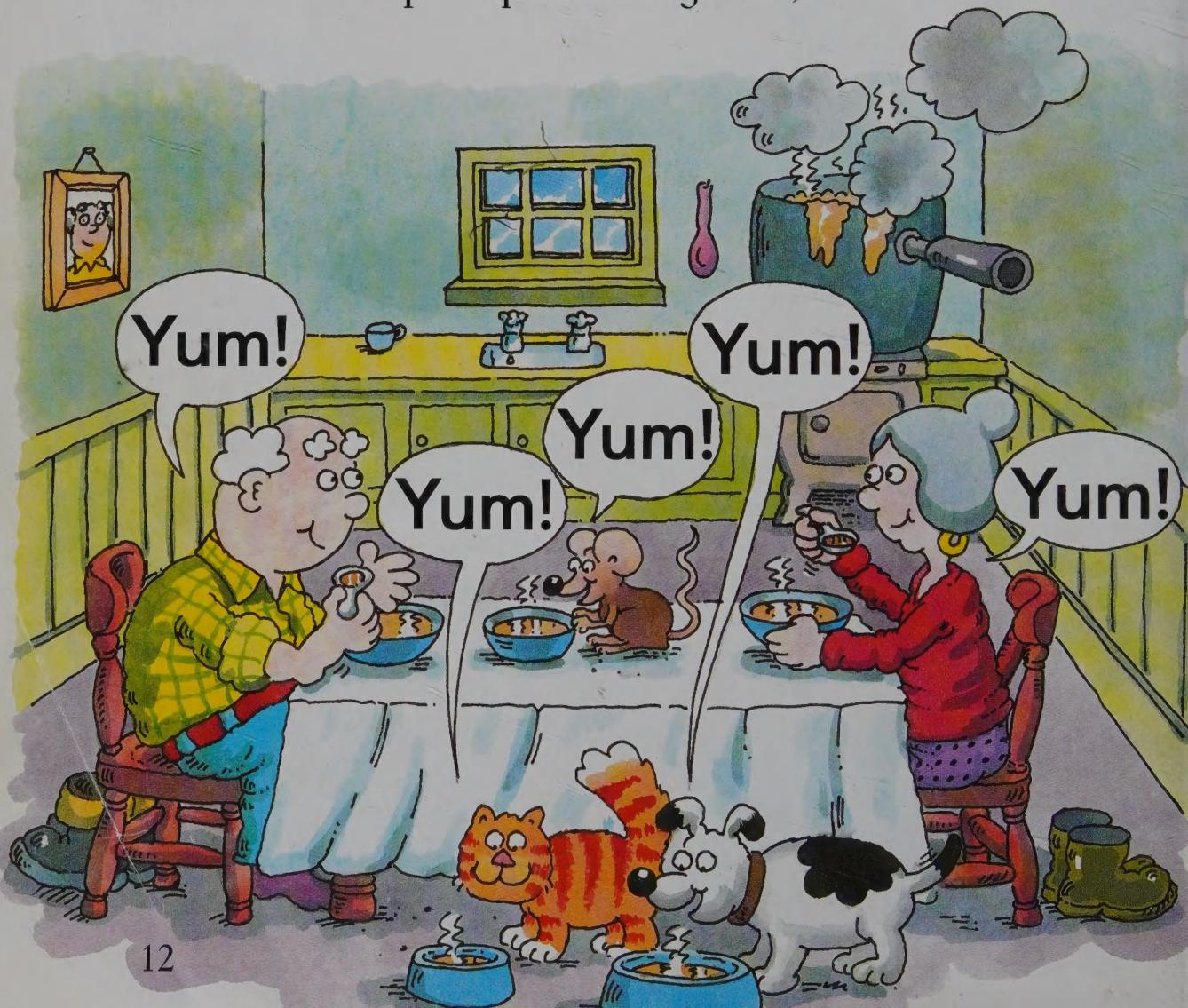
The little old man, the little old woman, the dog, the cat and the mouse all fell over and they said,





The dog, the cat and the mouse helped the little old man and the little old woman to put the enormous turnip into the enormous pot.

The turnip cooked and cooked and when it was ready they each had a bowl of delicious turnip soup and they said,



## Talkabout

**Talking about books helps children to remember what they have read and develops comprehension.**

- Why was the turnip so hard to pull up?
- Who would you ask to help you to pull up a big turnip?

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Find out what happens.

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